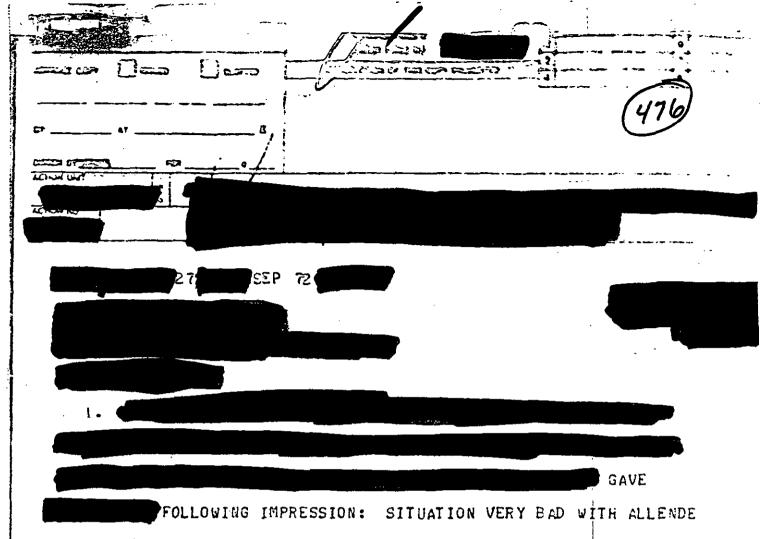
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FOLLOWING IMPRESSION: SITUATION VERY BAD WITH ALLENDE INCAPABLE OF MAINTAINING CONTROL OR RUNNING GOVT. NO COUP PLANS AFOOT, BUT ALL BELIEVE OVERTHROW ATTEMPT CAN DEVELOP SOON. YOUNG OFFICERS PARTICULARLY DISCONTENTED WITH HIGH COMMAND COMPLIANCE WITH ALLENDE POLICIES.

- 2. PINOCHET, PREVIOUSLY THE STRICT CONSTITUTIONALIST, RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED HE NOW HARBORING SECOND THOUGHTS: THAT ALLENDE
 MUST BE FORCED TO STEP DOWN OR BE ELIMINATED ("ONLY ALTERNATIVES").
 PINOCHET (WHO PRATS MAN) BELIEVES PRATS LEADING CANDIDATE TO HEAD
 NEW GOVI BUT ADMITS THAT IF COUP IS LED BY YOUNGER OFFICERS (FAR
 OUT POSSIBILITY). PRATS WON'T HAVE CHANCE BECAUSE HE TOO CLOSELY
 IDENTIFIED WITH ALLENDE.
 - 3. ALLENDE CONTINUES TO PRESSURE HIGH COMMAND TO BUY SOVIET

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT, BUT SENIOR OFFICERS RESISTING SUCCESSFULLY.

ARMY DOES NOT WANT NEW LINE OF WEAPONS NOR PRESENCE OF SOVIET

ADVISERS OR TECHNICIANS. MOST ARMY WILLING ACCEPT WOULD BE ANTI
AIRCRAFT WEAPONS OR GENERAL LOGISTIC ITEMS. PINOCHET WAS IN

PANAMA BEFORE COMING MEXICO TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE OF TANKS FROM

U.S. GOVT. HE FELT HE WAS VERY WELL TREATED AND CAME AWAY BE
LIEVING U.S. WILL SUPPLY TANKS AFTER ALL. (WHILE IN PANAMA,

TALKED WITH MORE JUNIOR U.S. ARMY OFFICERS HE KNEW FROM DAYS AT

SCHOOL OF AMERICAS AND WAS TOLD U.S. WILL SUPPORT COUP AGAINST

ALLENDE "LITH WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY" WHEN TIME COMES.)